Irrigation Facilities to Orissa

4248 SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide more irrigation facilities to the farmers in Orissa due to super cyclone and widespread drought; and

(b) if so, the details of total allocation of fund made in the last budget for Orissa and projects to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Irrigation being a State subject, responsibility of planning, funding, execution and maintenance of all types of irrigation projects including flood control and drainage primarily rest with the respective State Government. The Union Government had released Central Loan Assistance amounting to Rs. 100.32 crore under AIBP during the year 2000-2001 for 8 Nos. Major and Medium Irrigation Schemes benefiting coastal region and drought prone Kalahandi, Botangir and Koraput districts of Orissa and 23 Nos. Minor Irrigation Schemes to benefit the farmers in Orissa.

Irrigation Projects in Orissa

4249. SHRI RAMCHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of irrigation facilities created in Orissa and the utilization of ground water in Orissa is the lowest in the country; if so, the details of irrigated land and ground water utilization, State-wise;

(b) whether the ground water survey projects could not be completed in Orissa due to shortage of funds; and

(c) whether Government will take the full responsibility for the completion of survey work of ground water in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a)